

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. By this response, claims 18-21 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added.

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 1-17 are allowed.

I. The Claims Satisfy All Formal Requirements

The Office Action asserts that the response to the Final Rejection must include cancellation of non-elected claims 18-21 or other appropriate action. By this response, claims 18-21 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, the application is now in condition for allowance.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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